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AFTER A BARREL

The search of the standpat Repub-
lican organization for a barrel to tap
for campaign expenses continues. My-
ron T. Herlick ambassador to France,
preferred to keep his money to being
subjected to the greed of a horde of
money hungry Republican politicians.
Failing to get their claws into Her-
rick's barrel, the standpatters have
turned to pleading the cause of mil-
lionaire taxpayers who are being
caught this year and forced to pay
taxes along with the farmers and home
owners, who never dodged.
Back of all this talk against the
Warner law by Republicans is their
desire for a barrel, and it is a safe bet
to lay that every howl against the law
represents some "oil" put on the Re-
publican machine by some one who
had been forced to pay his taxes this
year for the first time

TEN MILLIONS TO THE PEOPLE'S CREDIT

To the administration of present
state officials in Columbus must be given
the proud distinction of having the
state treasury in the best condition
in the history of the commonwealth.
The balance to the credit of the
state on May 2 was \$10,214,940.56. This
includes \$1,857,534.19 of workmen's
compensation funds.
And for the benefit of the Republic-
an office seekers association it may be
stated that the individual property
owners in the different counties did
not contribute one cent to the increase
in the state treasury balance. The ex-
penses of the state government are
paid on what is realized on special
taxes collected from corporations etc.
No home owner or farmer was called
upon to pay toward the state treasury
balance.

TAXING METHOD APPROVED

The Saturday Evening Post, the na-
tion's greatest weekly magazine, is
the latest to give genuine approval to
the plan of removing the fixing of tax
values from local influences, as has
been done in Ohio.
The Post says equality in taxation
can be brought about only in this way.
The indorsement was given in an edi-
torial in the magazine May 16. Al-
though it deals with conditions in Min-
nesota under the elective system of
choosing assessors and points out a
remedy, it fits in so nicely with tax-
ation reforms in this state that The
Banner reproduces the editorial. Here
it is:
A TAX TROUBLE
"About taxes a few things may be
asserted with the utmost confidence.
One of them is that there never can be
an even approximately equitable sys-
tem of property taxation unless the
fixing of values is removed from local
influences.
"A Minnesota report shows that the
local assessors generally ignored the
legal mandate to return all property
at its true value and substituted var-
ious ratios of their own, with the in-
evitable result that 'the assessment
abounds in the grossest inequalities.'
A New Hampshire investigation found
some assessors returning property at
fifty per cent or less of its true value
and others at seventy per cent or more.
In every state where the valuing of
property for taxation is left largely to
local officials the same conditions can
be found.
"So long as a general property tax
is retained—which will undoubtedly be
a long while—the only rational way to
levy it is through a state board to
which local assessors are directly re-
sponsible. The local assessor is almost
always a taxpayer himself. His friends
and political supporters are taxpay-
ers. He does not want his community
to pay more taxes relatively than some
other community. His constant ten-
dency is to cut down valuations."

THE BEATEN ARMY OF
GRAFT AND PRIVILEGE
(Columbus Dispatch)
It is but a few years since every one
of the county officers was rich picking.
The fee system was in vogue and put-
ting out the idle money of the public to
earn money for the people was un-
known. The fees and sometimes the
private use of public money aggregated
a compensation no great that a man,
after filling a county office two
terms, could retire with enough money
to finance a business concern or even to

start a bank. That was in the old
standpat days in Ohio.
How different it all is now. Every
county official is paid a salary, the
fees being paid into the treasury. Pub-
lic money that used to be jockeyed for
private gain, is now put on deposit
with banks that pay for its use. To
this common sense, businesslike and
honest method of conducting the pub-
lic business the people are now so ac-
customed that the newspaper publica-
tions of balances and interest earnings
cause no comment. They are taken for
granted.
The change has come about through
the application of common honesty to
public affairs. It is a splendid trans-
formation from a political system con-
sisting of private snags to a system
which means public service. But, good
as it is, there are those who look back
at the reform and would reverse it,
if all, if they could. They are the sur-
viving members of the Old Guard of
crafty politicians, now out of office and
suffering because they have been com-
pelled to go to work. They fought the
county salary law that put them out
into the cold and they have never ceas-
ed to lament their disaster. Now they
are fighting the Warner law which
puts them and their cronies, the tax-
dodgers, on the list and requires them
all to pay their just share of the ex-
penses of government.
To their machinations nobody is
blind, and by them nobody is going to
be fooled. The whole army of graft
and special privilege must not only go,
but stay. A new day has dawned and
there will be no turning back.

WHERE WAS THE MACHINE?
State Treasurer John Brennan has
reported that a total of \$1,016,587.60
of interest has been earned on deposits
of state money since the year 1909 when
Democrats took control of the treas-
ury department, stopped the stealing of
funds by Republican treasurers to
build Columbus skyscrapers and began
to deposit the same on interest to the
credit of the state.
Here are Treasurer Brennan's fig-
ures:
Total, 1909.....\$155,384.31
Total, 1910.....160,933.80
Total, 1911.....138,905.02
Total, 1912.....178,648.72
Total, 1913.....211,500.29
Total five years ending
Nov. 15, 1913.....\$845,372.14
1914
Quarter ending February
1, 1914.....\$ 65,528.35
Quarter ending May 1,
1914.....76,597.53
Commercial Nat. Bank,
Columbus, Dec. 13, 1913.....15,000.00
Commercial Nat. Bank,
Columbus, April 1, 1914.....19,000.00
First Nat. Bank, Cleve-
land, Feb. 13, 1914.....4,109.58
Total first half year,
1914.....\$ 171,215.46
Total General Revenue, \$1,016,587.60
In view of the trail of graft and cor-
ruption which a political machine
leaves when it handles large sums of
money, The Banner desires to ask:
Where was the terrible machine which
our Republican brethren prate about
when the millions in the state treas-
ury were handled so advantageously
by Treasurer Brennan and his prede-
cessor Staley D. Creamer, both Demo-
cratic state officials?

ASHBROOK'S STRENGTH
Commenting upon the recent with-
drawal of Judge Lewis Brucker from
the race for the Democratic nomina-
tion for congress from the new 17th
district, the Newark Advocate says:
As Judge Brucker has been regarded
as the strongest candidate in the field
against Congressman Ashbrook, his
withdrawal from the race is evidence
that he foresees that the people of this
intelligent district are settled in their
minds as to whom they will elect to
represent them in the halls of con-
gress.
It has come to be a pretty well
known fact that the most intelligent
constituencies of the country have a
settled policy in regard to whom they
elect as members of congress—that
policy being to elect the men whose
experience by long service equips them
with the most capacity to render ser-
vice of the greatest value to the con-
stituency.
The congressmen of the greatest
experience who have intimate personal
knowledge of the government depart-
ments at Washington, are the men
who possess the greatest influence
with those departments to secure fav-
ors for their constituents, and that
fact is of greater importance to in-
telligent people than the system of
passing the office around as a personal
plum or favor to new men whose lack
of experience makes them woefully
incompetent to render favors for their
constituents. That is the reason the
people of the south and New England
keep their representatives in congress
for long successive terms.
For this very same reason the in-
telligent constituency of this district
has practically signified its intention

of re-electing Congressman William
A. Ashbrook, whose superior knowl-
edge of the government departments
at Washington and his activities in
doing things for his constituents have
become a household word.
The fact that William A. Ashbrook
is at the present time the secretary of
the Democratic house caucus, which
position he has held for the past four
years, is evidence of the confidence
and esteem in which he is held by his
fellow Democratic members, and
which largely accounts for his valu-
able influence at Washington.
The fact, too, that Congressman
Ashbrook has always been such a pop-
ular candidate on his party ticket at
all previous elections is an import-
ant factor in the minds of Democrats
who are actuated by the wisdom that
the most popular candidates are the
ones that should be nominated. The
friends and supporters of Mr. Ash-
brook point with pride to the fact that
he has always received greater ma-
jorities in his own county of Licking
than any other other candidate on the
ticket, as comparison of the official
figures at these elections will show.
The evidence looms up from all
parts of the new 17th district that
there is an unmistakable sentiment
among a large majority of Democratic
voters in favor of the re-nomination of
Congressman Ashbrook.

STORES CLOSE MEMORIAL DAY
In order to properly observe the day
and out of respect to the memory of
those who so nobly fought and sacri-
ficed their lives in defense of the flag
and to preserve the nation, we the
undersigned will suspend business and
our stores will be closed all day,
Memorial Day, Saturday, May 30.
J. S. Ringwalt Co.
A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Co.
Mayer-Lindorf Co.
The Woolson Co.
Arnold Mds. Co.
Frank E. Kirby.
W. E. McCormick.
Rowlands & Co.
Novelty Store.
F. W. Woolworth & Co.
Book & Art Shop.
Messrs. William M. Coup, George B.
Kelley, Fred J. Lawler and Hal M.
Eggleston drove to Lancaster in an
automobile Tuesday afternoon and in
the evening attended the oratorio,
"Eljah" given in that city. Three of
the artists who appeared in Mt. Ver-
non last week were the soloists at
Lancaster.
Mr. W. B. Wilkinson of Newark was
in the city Wednesday on business.

Wanted, For Sale, &c
Rate—5 cents per line, each inser-
tion. Six words to line.
FOR SALE OR TRADE—New 7
room house with soft water bath,
electric lights and cemented cellar.
Call at 715 N. Main street. tf
WANTED—Two or three solicitors
to work in Knox county during sum-
mer months for substantial and old
established Mt. Vernon business con-
cern. Must have their own horse and
buggy, or other means of transporta-
tion. Would prefer persons who have
had some experience at canvassing,
but would not hold this requirement
necessary. Must give references as to
honesty and character. An excellent
opportunity for school teachers to ob-
tain pleasant and profitable employ-
ment during vacation. A very liberal
commission paid. Give your address,
telephone number and other particu-
lars in first letter. Address, "B. O."
Box 185, Mt. Vernon, Ohio. tf
FOR SALE—Hydraulic cider press
with, or without, building. Cheap.
Tucker Bros., Mt. Liberty, Ohio. 26
FOR SALE—Horse, phaeton, buggy
and harness. \$50 buys it. Inquire at
Bebout & Pitkin's Grocery, Frederick-
town, Ohio. 26

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If you have any spraying to do this
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Corona
Dry Arsenate
of Lead
It is a dry powder and readily mixes
with water. Does not have to be
strained. It goes further than the paste
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This alone will pay for ten times the
quantity of Paris Green.
We have it in 1 lb. cans, also in 5 lb.
cartons.
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DRUGGISTS
205 S. Main St. Sign Big Hand

W. C. T. U. MEETING
Held At The Parish House On Tues-
day Afternoon
(By Press Reporter)
Mt. Vernon W. C. T. U. held a most
encouraging Mothers' meeting at the
parish house, Tuesday afternoon.
The large attendance showed the in-
terest taken in the meeting. Many
mothers and their children's names
were added to our list of workers.
Meeting opened with President Mil-
ler in the chair. Devotionals and song
was appropriately illustrated in the Bi-
ble lesson. Business. Y. P. B. Social
was announced and the Union Meeting
of young people for next Sunday even-
ing and Monday reception for the state
president, Ray Vaughn of Columbus, O.,
was planned.
Mr. Vaughn is an attractive, and cap-
tivating speaker. Be sure and meet
this young man. Mrs. S. M. Howes
was sent a letter of sympathy from the
Union. Mrs. Chase reported ill.
Our Supt. of Mothers Meetings gave
us the following instructive and en-
tertaining program.
Song was sung and Mrs. Thos. Weir
gave a reading on "Mothers, When
They Join the Club."
Mrs. A. H. Varner gave a piano solo.
Mrs. H. H. Miller read an interesting
poem on mothers and sang a solo with
Miss Dowds at the piano.
Miss Dowlig, the district nurse, gave
us the address of the afternoon, "How
to Care for the Child," telling of the
fatal diseases that attack our chil-

dren. Over 1000 infants die yearly
from diphtheria; 400 from whooping
cough. Also the infectiousness of var-
ious diseases, also the danger of child-
hood. Miss Dowling goes wherever
she is called and is working for the
state.
The ladies were much enlightened
and appreciated her talk.
Vocal duet—Misses Coral Hadley
and Lenna Jacobs, with Mrs. Miller at
the piano.
Recitation—Elizabeth Ewing.
Trio—Misses Ruth Hadley, Nora
Champion, Helen Varner with Mrs.
Varner at the piano.
A social hour followed. Delicious
refreshments were served by the com-
mittee to all.
June 3rd will be the reception to the
ladies by Temperance and Missions
combining with a program made up
from all the Societies of the city. Ev-
ery one welcome.

Mr. J. F. Chambers of Crestline,
Ohio, was a business visitor in Mt.
Vernon Tuesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett went
to Gambier Wednesday morning to
make a short visit with relatives.
Mr. Herbert Bendel of Midletown,
Ohio, is visiting for a few days with
relatives and friends in Mt. Vernon.
Messrs. George C. Vail and Jacob
Rockoven of Newark were business
visitors in the city Tuesday and Wed-
nesday.
Mr. I. C. Miller, who has been ill at
the home of his brother in Dayton, has
returned to Mt. Vernon much im-
proved in health.
Mrs. W. B. Wilkinson of Newark
made a short visit in the city Wednes-

day morning while enroute to Youngs-
town, Ohio, where she will visit for
a few days.
Mr. Nettleton Naff, superintendent
of the Akron division of the Pennsylv-
vania railroad, was in Mt. Vernon to-
day the guest of Master Mechanic L.
S. Kinnaird.
Mrs. Sarah Taylor and Mrs. Hannah
Browning, who have been spending
the winter in California arrived home
Tuesday morning.
Ralph Connor's novel, "The Sky
Pilot," is soon to be dramatized.

CARNIVAL AT HANFORD
Hanford, Cal., May 21—Visitors
from all over the San Joaquin Valley
thronged Hanford today for the open-
ing of the big Kings County Carnival.
The festivities will continue three
days and will include athletic events,
a 75-mile automobile race and numer-
ous street carnival attractions. The
carnival is an annual celebration here,
the one this year being the third to
be held.

Just a Few of the Uses of JAP-A-LAC

FLOORS—JAP-A-LAC is the best and most dur-
able finish ever manufactured for either hard or soft
wood floors. It is the Dreadnaught of Floor Finishes.

WOODWORK—Front doors, furniture and all
woodwork, no matter how badly marred, scratched or
worn can be restored to their original beauty with
JAP-A-LAC. It resists the sun and moisture.

IRON FENCES—JAP-A-LAC in either Gold,
Aluminum, Dead Black or Brilliant Black, makes radi-
ators, registers, water pipes, iron fences, etc., beauti-
ful and new looking. It wears like iron.

It has 998 other uses and is made in 21 colors and
Natural (Clear) in all sizes from 10c cans up.

ASK IN OUR PAINT DEPARTMENT

Woolson's Department Store

Expansion and Rebuilding
Sale

The sales for the opening week of the Expansion and Rebuilding Sale have gone away beyond our ex-
pectations.

Those who did not get waited on last Saturday can come this week with the assurance that all the
good things are here i nunbroken assortments the same as at the opening of the sale.

We have provided additional help and can take care of you promptly now.

Here is a taste of the good things to be found this week. There are dozens of others in every depart-
ment. Make it a point to visit the store in the next few days.

Economy Basement Bargains

5-4 width Fancy Table Oil-
cloth, worth 18c, yd. 10c

Thin Blown Glass Tum-
blers, worth 40c, doz. 29c

Fruit Sets. Decorated ber-
ry dish and six fruit sauc-
ers, worth 50c; per set 39c

One table of 75c Alumin-
um Ware, per piece. 49c

One lot of \$1.25 and \$1.50
Aluminum Ware, per
piece 98c

Decorated China Pitchers,
worth 60c each. 48c

Good grade Toilet Paper,
per roll. 8c

Two & three pound stone
Butter Crocks with cov-
ers, each. 10c

White and White Granite
Combinettes, worth \$1.25
each. 98c

Gas Irons. Guaranteed
Economy Gas Iron with
metal tube worth \$2.50,
each. \$1.75

Heavy pressed Tin Wash
Boilers, each. \$1.00

Tin Wash Boilers that are
guaranteed not to rust,
each. \$1.50

First Floor Specials

Good Bleached Muslins in
short lengths, special, per
yard. 6c

50c Colored Bordered
Bath Towels, each. 29c

10c Bleached Crash, per
yard. 7c

25c Cotton Poplins, per
yard. 19c

15c Striped Dress Crepes,
per yard. 10c

25c Tissue Gingham, per
yard. 19c

50c Work Shirts, per
yard. 39c

Men's \$1.00 Cotton Union
Suits each. 75c

Men's 10c Work Sox, per
pair. 7c

Ladies' 35c Union Suits,
per pair. 25c

Ladies' 15c Black Cotton
Hose, per pair. 10c

Brocaded Silk Dress
Crepes worth 50c per
yard. 37c

Silk Charmeuse de Laine,
worth \$1 per yard. 69c

50c Ratine for Summer
Dresses, per yard. 39c

18c White Madras, per
yard. 12 1/2c

45 in. Embroidery Flounc-
ings worth \$1.00, per
yard. 39c

Ladies' \$1 Leather Hand-
bags, each. 59c

Ready-to-Wear Specials

Ladies' and Misses' Suits

\$25 to \$35 values. \$18.75

\$20.00 values. \$13.75

\$17.50 values. \$12.50

\$12.50 and \$15.00
values. \$ 9.75

Ladies' and Misses' Coats

\$25.00 values. \$18.75

\$20.00 values. \$13.75

\$17.50 values. \$12.50

\$15.00 and \$12.50
values. \$ 9.50

\$10.00 values. \$ 7.50

\$7.50 values. \$ 5.00

White Dresses at One-
Half Price

White dresses for ladies
and young ladies. Well
made and nicely trimmed;
they sold for from \$3.00 to
\$15.00. They are slightly
soiled and we are closing
them out at half price.

Big values in Muslin
Underwear, Waists, Mid-
dy Blouses, Sweaters,
House Dresses and Dress
Skirts.

Third Floor Specials

35c and 50c Mercerized
Serims, per yard. 25c

Curtain edging free.
15c Serims, per yard. 10c

\$5.00 Mercerized Marquis-
ette Curtains, per pair \$3

\$2.00 Ecru Voile Curtains,
per pair. \$1.59

\$1.00 Ruffled Swiss Cur-
tains, per pair. 65c

27x54 inch Velvet Throw
Rugs, worth \$1.39, ea. 98c

\$15 Heavy Velvet Room
size Rugs. \$10.85

\$20.00 Axminster Rugs,
9x12 size. \$16.65

\$22.50 Heavy Seamless
Velvet Rugs. \$18.95

New Process Linoleum 2
yards wide, 50c value, per
sq. yard. 39c

Heavy Grade China Mat-
ting, per yard. 19c

39c Japanese Matting, per
yard. 25c

\$4.75 Royal Vacuum
Cleaner, each. \$3.25

Woven Matting Rugs,
Carpet patterns in all col-
ors, each. \$3.00

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THE STORE OF QUALITY